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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thakker & Ward

Group Art Unit: 1612

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Examiner: Packard, Benjamin J.

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ENHANCING PARACELLULAR PERMEABILITY ACROSS EPITHELIAL AND ENDOTHELIAL BARRIERS

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowance dated December 24, 2009. The Issue Fee and related Transmittal documents are also enclosed.

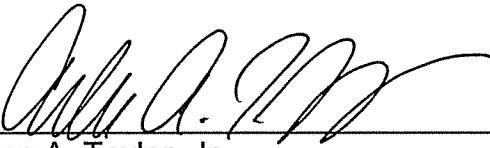
Particularly, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be used to interpret the cited claims, particularly to the extent that any part of the Statement differs from the express language of the claims and/or applicants' positions on patentability of those claims. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure, and applicants' prosecution of the claims.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number **50-0426**.

Respectfully submitted,
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